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USS SANTA BARBARA, RIJEKA

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1. BY SEPARATE TEL MILITARY CHANNELS DAO IS INDICATING THAT EMBASSY HAS YET TO RECEIVE A REPLY TO ITS INQUIRY RE SINGLE FLEET VISITS ENCOMPASSING MULTIPLE PORTS, CONFIRMING THAT NO PRECEDENT EXISTS FOR SUCH, AND RECOMMENDING THAT WE AVOID FORMAL REQUEST FOR THIS AT THIS TIME AND SHIFT BOTH UNITS OF PROPOSED VISIT TO RIJEKA.
 2. WE ARE DOUBTFUL THAT YUGOSLAVS WILL APPROVE TWO-PORT VISIT, AND DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO PRESS FOR SUCH APPROVAL AT THIS TIME. LIKELY RESULT OF OUR INFORMAL INQUIRY WILL BE NO RESPONSE AT ALL, AND THIS IS A USUAL SIGNAL THAT THEY DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO SAY NO, BUT CAN'T SAY YES.
 3. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, EMBASSY BELIEVES BEST COURSE IS TO GO AHEAD WITH REQUEST FOR VISIT OF BOTH UNITS TO SINGLE PORT. FROM POINT OF VIEW OF ATTAINING OUR POLICY OBJECTIVE OF ENHANCING MILITARY-TO-MILITARY CONTACTS, IT WILL MAKE MUCH MORE SENSE FOR OUR FLAG SHIP TO VISIT A PORT WITH A MAJOR MILITARY HEADQUARTERS. RIJEKA FITS THAT BILL, AND
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IN ADDITION WITH THE NEIGHBORING RESORT AREA OF OPATIJA HAS

THE FACILITIES TO HANDLE THE NUMBER OF MEN WE WOULD PUT ON
THE BEACH FROM THE TWO SHIPS.
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